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Date: July 9, 1951
To: Mr. D. L. Nicholson
Chief, Division of Security
Office of Consular Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D. C.
From: John Edgar Hoover - Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Subject: ANDREY ARTUKOVICH, was.
Andreja Artukovic, Andrija Artukovic,
Alois Anich
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Reference is made to previous communications to
you from this Bureau concerning the above-captioned indi-
vidual.

It is believed you will be interested to know that
a confidential informant of known reliability recently ad-
vised this Bureau that Rade Lukic, a Vice-Consul attached to
the Yugoslav Consulate in New York City made remarks relative
to the subject which were as follows:

The Yugoslav Government appears to be quite dis-
appointed over the fact that nothing has been done regarding
the case of the former Ustashi official, Andrija Artukovich,
currently residing in Los Angeles, California. The Yugoslav
Government had great confidence that the sympathy of many
Americans could be won by returning Artukovich to Yugoslavia
for trial. It had been hoped that the Serb group in New York
City would also take an interest in this matter and attempt

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to encourage the United States Government to bring about the return of Artukovich. The opinion of many officials of the Yugoslavian Government is that high religious officials such as Cardinal Spellman of New York City have taken steps to protect Ustashi and men like Artukovich. They believe that Cardinal Spellman attempted to influence the United States Government in order to prevent it from taking action. It was suspected that Cardinal Spellman might have been influenced by the Croatian clergy in the United States. Artukovich is believed to possess great potential propaganda value inasmuch as appropriate action taken against him would greatly impress Yugoslav citizens who do not presently trust the Tito regime. Similar action by Peron of Argentina against Ante Pavelic, who, as leader of the Ustashi group, allegedly cooperated with Hitler during World War II would similarly impress Yugoslav citizens opposed to Tito.

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Attention: Colonel Sheffield Edwards
Assistant Deputy Director/Security

cc - The Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service

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Attention: W. C. Higgins
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